GRAND ARMY NEWS.

REDUCTION IN SALARIES OF HEADQUAR-TERS OFFICIALS TALKED OF.

WHAT AN ARTICLE OF "HIGH PRIVATE" SHOWS -A NEW PENSION BILL-INSTALLA-

TIONS AT VARIOUS POSTS disposition is being shown in some quarters to reduce in some cases and in others to abolish the salaries being paid to headquarters officers of the Department as excessive or wholly unnecessary. Private" shows in an article printed in a recent Grand Army publication that the annual sun ised for headquarters expenses by means of the per capita tax-about \$6,000-falls below the yearly expenditure. He gives the report of the Assistant Quartermaster-General for 1895 as a fair sample of the allowances to Department officials, as follows:

the allowances to Department commander. \$200
Allowance to Department commander. 1.200
Salary of the assistant adjutant-general 1.200
Salary of the assistant quartermaster-general 500
Salary of the assistant quartermaster-general 500
Salary of the inspector 500

Expenses of assistant inspectors.
Headquarters expenses, postage, stationery, etc.
Expenses of Council of Administration.
Expenses of National encampment, Louisville, Ky.
Printing, books, etc.
Per capita tax to National headquarters.
Other expenses

\$7,875 "This," he points out, "shows that more is pended than the per capita tax amounts to. Probably there is about \$1.00 received in addition to the per capita tax, as profit on the sale of supplies, from bank interest and from sale of charters and commissions, etc. These facts lead us to he conclusion that at headquarters all the recelpts for 185 were expended in salaries and ex-penses, necessary and otherwise." The article goes on to say, "That the Department Command-er's allowance should be abolished and that his necessary expenses should be paid on his presentng a bill of the same. The acting assistant wartermaster does all the work of the asistant quartermaster-general, for which he gets m the Department and \$60 from the assistant quartermaster-general, so the assistant quar-termaster-general receives \$700, for which he renders but slight service. The judge-advocate rendered. according to the printed report, six insignificant lectsions for which he drew a salary of \$400. inspector gets \$300 for compiling the rep of the assistant inspectors, and for which \$100 generous pay. For salaries at headquarers \$2,500 should be ample, and \$2,500 for all other xpenses, or a total of \$5,000 per year, instead of 5.500, showing that a per capita tax of 12 cents stead of 16 cents should raise sufficient funds for neadquarters, especially as the Department has no rent to pay and the State does its printing of reports. Already the comrades who want the salaried places are naming candidates for Department Commander."

The suggestions made should have the thoughtful nsideration of all comrades who have the interests of the Department at heart. Unless something is his wife and family exclusively, done soon, the handsome cash balance left in the quartermaster's hands at the end of Past Department Commander Treadwell's term of office will

Lafayette Post at its last meeting welcomed olonel Francis V. Greene and staff, of the 71st Regiment, N. G. N. Y., and Commander Meade presented to Colonel Greene a set of resolutions. dsomely bound in scalskin, thanking the regiment for its escort to the post on May 2 last, when the site for the flagstaff for Columbia University s dedicated. Chaplain Van De Water, of the 71st, eloquently acknowledged the gift on behalf of the colonel, staff and regiment, Comrade Buckley, of Alabama, the Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, also

A new pension bill has been drafted by General Charles W. Wood, of Worcester, Mass., to accord ith the sentiment of the last encampment, when The measure provides that any mat ho served in the Army or Navy during the period from 1861 to 1866 may have his name put on the from 1861 to 1866 may have his name put on the pension rolls, and that the rate of pension for such service shall be \$12 a month for a man who has served one year or any fraction thereof, not less than ninety days, with one cent additional for every month over a year. It is not necessary to prove any disability. Copies of the bill are to be sent to veteran organizations throughout the country for their action.

J. Humphrey, Post 75; John A. Benson, 234; J. Anson Foster, 26; H. H. Skeels, 39; Sweet Brayton, 115; George C. Foose, 9; A. H. Smith, 235; C. H. Stevens, 14; William A. Pennoyer, 514; S. J. Chambers, 144; F. L. Brown, 167; James Finley, 9; James H. Ronalds, 185, and H. V. L. Jones, 71.

No. 140 have been detailed for attendance at the unerals of comrades, under the command of the lunter Vice-Commander, during the months of January, February and March: Josiah C. Long, senior vice-commander; Wilbur F. Brown, adjutant; Joseph Anderson, surgeon; Joseph F. Blackgrove, J. Saxton, John F. Conway, O. W. Dusenberry, James H. Grady, John J. Hemming, George W. Jones, Gilbert N. Knight, George W. Post, Anson B. Hoyt, chaplain; Joseph E. Banks, outer guard; Renjamin Loder, Charles T. Canfield, Theodore Conrow, Garrett F. Dillon, R. D. Evans, Richard H. Greene, H. F. Herkner, J. A. Kamping, Charles H. Lowerre and R. L. Salisbury, At the next meeting of the post an election will be held to fill the vacancies occurring by reason of the declinations of those who were elected to fill these places; One alternate delegate to the Department Encampment, vice Ernest Hall; two delegates to the Memorial Committee, vice Asa S. Blake and A. J. Casse, and one alternate delegate to the Memorial Committee, vice George M. Van Hoesen. Jones, Gilbert S. Knight, George W. Post, Anson

General H W Slocum Post, Brooklyn, took place January 3 at Christ Episcopal Church. Slocum Post, of which Captain Cocheu was commander, attended in a body, besides representatives from nearly every Grand Army post in Kings County. Among the war veterans present were General Isaac S. Catlin, General Horatto C. King and Gen-Isaac S. Callin, General Horatio C. King and deneral George W. Scott. A brief service was held at the house before the body was taken to the church. The funeral arrangements were conducted by the General Slocum Post, and the Rev. Dr. James H. Darlington, the pastor of the church, made an address. The burial was in Greenwood, and the members of the post fired the customary volley over the crave.

The Department Commander's attention has been called to the loose matner in which many posts make out applications and admit members, ends him to remark in general orders; "It is much tter to be sure that the applicant is eligible bebetter to be sure that the applicant is eligible be-fore admitting him than it is to find out later on that he was ineligible, and then be compelled to drop him for the reason that sufficient care had not been taken at the time of his application. It is hoped that this cautionary order will prove effect-ive, and thus do away with the necessity of call-ing the attention of Post Commanders to this mat-ter in future orders."

The ticket which seems to give satisfaction to members of the New-York Memorial Committee for the election of Monday evening, February 1, is composed in part as follows: For chairman, General Horace Porter, of George Washington Post No. 103; for senior vice-cnairman, Major James B. Mo. 186, 10r senior vice-chairman, Major James B. Horner, of E. A. Kimball Post No. 100; for treas-urer, General N. W. Day, of John A. Dix Post No. 135; for secretary, Past Department Commander James S. Fraser, of James C. Rice Post No. 29, for grand marshal, Captain John B. Hyde, of La-fayette Post No. 149.

The Assistant Adjutant-General reported in a conversation yesterday that the semi-annual re-ports, forms "A" and "B," are coming in fast, and in much better shape, as to details, than ever be-This is in a great measure owing to the new form, which has the Adjutant's and Quartermaster's report on one sheet. The new form has now been in use for eighteen months and shows the wisdom of the committee that got it up. The comrades of the committee were Past Adjutant-General Goulding, of Vermont; Past Adjutant-General Vanduslin, of Pennsylvania, and Past Assistant Adjutant-General Wallace, of New-York.

animated scene on Monday night, when the newly fifth volume. This is devoted to biographic elected officers were installed by General John R. O'Beirne, assisted by Major C. R. Brackett as offi-cer of the day. There were representatives present inasmuch as the list includes Lowell, Walt Whitfrom many posts in New-York City, Connecticut man and Whittler, and it is always interesting to and towns of Westchester County, and from nearly see our men of letters as they are seen by our every Army corps and division. Among those pres- newspaper critics across the sea, ent were Colonel John W. Marshall, Past Commanders William Wilson, James H. Jenkins and Henry Huss; ex-Mayor Edward F. Brush. William P. Sleight, J. W. Farley, John M. Dearborn and Colonel William W. Howe. The officers installed were as follows: Commander, D. W. Lapham; senior vice-commander, Melville Kelsey; junior scholar vice-commander, D. C. Curtis; chaplain, W. A. Armstrong; surgeon, Dr. J. A. Hollister; quartermaster, N. Van Horsen; adjutant, William P. Sleight; officer of the day, J. L. D. Riker; officer of the guard. J. W. Farley.

Major Wilbur F. Brown, adjutant and past commander of Lafayette Post No. 40, has been appointed out, by-the-way, that Lowell has not yet been made the subject of a formal biography. The two volumes of correspondence edited by Professor Norton provide an excellent substitute, yet it would be gratifying to have a regular biography from his or some other competent hand.

A new portrait of Browning is announced—new, that is, to most people, it was painted by Rossetti and hung in his studio until his death. Since that time it has been in seclusion, but it is to ne reproduced in photogravure now by the Autotype Lafayeng To let, elegant cutage, all improvements; and the professor of the financial competent hand.

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important duties which General Porter has as Company, and will be published in a short time, signed to Lafayette's adjutant.

The officers of Alexander Hamilton Post No. 182 for 1897 were installed on Thursday evening by Past Commander Abraham G. Mills, of Lafayette Post Commander Abraham G. Mills, of Lafayette Post No. 140, who was accompanied by a staff of leading comrades of that post. The ceremonies were unusually brilliant, and Commander Reddy and his officers start out on the new year with the best of prospects. The ceremonies took place in the large hall of the post, and in the presence of about 200 guests. After the official work the installing officer, his staff and the post guests enjoyed a fine supper, after which an entertainment was provided. The officers of Alexander Hamilton Corps, W. R. C., were installed on Wednesday evening, January 6. The installation of both corps was more brilliant and successful than any previous affair of Hamilton Post.

The installation of the recently elected offithe John A. Dix Post No. 135, G. A. R., took place at the Tuxedo, Madison-ave, and Fifty-ninth-st., on Thursday night. The installation was followed by a reception. Many women were present. The installing officer was Comrade Ira M. Hedges, Past Department Commander. The exercises consisted of the entrance of the post, the reception of the colors and the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the audience. At the end of the exercises the members and their guests visited the bailroom, where dancing was indulged in. The officers installed were: Commander, Cornelius Ten Eick; senior vice-commander, Horatio Holden; surgeon, George W. Blauvelt; quartermaster, Job Woodfulf; chapiain, Albert Field: officer of the day, W. S. Benjamin; officer of the guard, D. Clark; adjutant, G. W. Roberts; sergeant, Major Lawrence Freeland; quartermaster-sergeant, Eugene Cashdollar, Among the guests who were looked after by General Day were Past Department Commander John Palmer, Past Commander Fraser, Major Bracket and Staff Commanders Adams, Kent, Atling, Tuttle, Pentz and Horner. Thursday night. The installation was followed by

The following regimental associations hav sponded to the request of the Department Comander to inform headquarters of their intention to hold reunions at the coming National Encampment at Buffalo in August: 64th Regiment, New-York Volunteers: Anderson Zouave Association, 62d Regiment, New-York Volunteers: 154th Regiment, New-York Volunteers: 154th Regiment, New-York Volunteers: 154th Regiment, New-York Volunteers. All regimental associations intending to hold reunions will hereafter confer directly with Daniel U. Turner, secretary of the Citizens' Committee, Thirty-first National Encampment, Ellicott Square, Buffalo, Post commanders and aides-de-camp are directed to convey this information to all regimental and battery associations in their vicinity. to hold reunions at the coming National Encamp-

LITERARY NOTES.

Morris, preacher of Socialism and of art for the masses, is associated with costliness in matters of Aymer Vallance's book, "The kind of semi-official history of the subject, is printed in an edition of only 210 copies. For each one of these books the public is asked to pay no less than eight guineas, without any discount either. But this was, after all, to be expected. Morris left in his will not a farthing, so far as has yet been heard, to any of the Socialistic causes with which his name had been identified. His fortune goes to

The Nansen book gets itself slowly written and published. It was first announced to appear in February, here and abroad, but it is now unlikely that it will be issued until March.

Mr. Marion Crawford is said to have sold "up-ward of half a million copies" of his novels in this country alone, to have a vast circulation in England and the colonies, and to have been translated into French, German, Italian and other Research of the property of the pr languages with equally amazing results. Happy

Mrs. Flora Annie Steel, whose novel of the mutiny, "On the Face of the Waters," is just comit in an American edition from the press of the Macmillan Company, has been accused of playing tricks with Indian orthography. She states thereupon that she has deliberately misspelled the words because she wants her readers to pronounce them correctly. In the course of her explanation she contributes a useful note on two famous words in the "Jungle Book." She heard some English people of education, she says, speaking of the "Bandar Log" as if the words rhymed with "pandar" and "fog." It seems they should be pronounced so as to rhyme with "thunder" and "rogue." It would be interesting if some one, Mrs Steel, perhaps, or Mr. Kipling himself, would write a little paper on this question of pronunctation. How about Mowgli, for example? Does one pronounce him as one pronounces Cholmondeley?

ne," his place is being well filled by Mr. Quiller-Couch. That gentleman heads his pages "From a Cornish Window," and that from this point of vantage he can view urban themes in a spirit of unconventionality is shown by a story he tells in lee in connection with it, he goes on: "An old lady dwelling on the skirts of Dartmoor was asked, 'What is the meanin' of this yer Jewbilee?' my dear,' she answered, ''tis this way-if you've been married to a man fifty year', and the man's alive, 'tts a Goulden Weddin'; if a's dead, 'tis

The first volume of Mr. Henley's Byron seems to have interested the London reviewers mightly by its notes. Some of them are certainly as judicious as they are picturesque. But it is surprising to find so original a critic as Mr. Henley repeating the old notion about Leigh Hunt. He sums him up. somewhat contemptuously, as "a person of parts no doubt-of parts and a certain charm, and a facile, amiable, liquorish temperament." This is plausible but scarcely just. It seems a pity that The funeral of Captain Frederick L. Cocheu, of Hunt should so often be patronized in this manner. Critics have Keats to fall back upon, he have ing left some savage words on the man, but there is too much that is good in Hunt's work for even the judgment of Keats to be accepted as final in its sweeping denunciation.

> The second of the little pamphlets published under the title of the "Half Moon Series" is de-voted to an account of "King's College; now Columbla University" by Mr. John B. Pine. The narrative is brief but sufficient, and confirms the first impression received from this series of historical sketches. It promises to be of serious value spreading historical information in the right way. It has often seemed wrong that Boston should have her "Old South Leaflets" and New-York nothing of the same sort. The "Half Moon" papers repair the omission.

Enterprise in the publishing of books is naturally destrable, but sometimes it passes the limit. The latest scheme is exquisite. With a circular relating to the book in question the publisher sends three blank forms. The first when filled out signifies that the signer will take the book, the sec ond suggests that he may take it "if times get better," and the third conveys a flat refusal. But all three forms have a place for the signature of the unfortunate recipient, and he is asked to give address, with the date of writing. Thus if a man uses the "better times" form he may expect, we presume, to be bombarded every now and then with reference to his thoughtless semi-promise. The publisher can be a wily soul,

It appears that the biography of the Queen which is soon to be published is not, as was announced, to be written by Her Majesty. She will revise the proofs, but the book is being written by Mr. Richard R. Holmes, the librarian at Windsor. There are to be many fine illustrations, including a frontispiece portrait reproduced in colors from a beautiful miniature of the Queen by Robert Thorburn. Two editions will be published, both of them of a sumptuous order of bookmaking. Boussod Valadon & Co. are the publishers.

The series of oblinary articles reprinted from "The London Times" and published under the Grand Army Hall, at Mount Vernon, presented an eral title of "Eminent Persons" has reached its brought out in the great English journal during

Professor Bury, whose labors upon the new edition of Gibbon have lately made him especially conspicuous among English scholars, has assumed editorial charge of a new series of texts of the Byzantine historians. How complete the series will be is at present unknown, but presumably the number of writers included will be considerable. Some manuscripts hitherto unpublished will be drawn upon for the scheme.

A contemporary of Thackeray, writing about his visits to the old Charterhouse School, leaves this attractive sketch of him: "He always seemed. how, a boy grown big, and back amongst

The second number of "The Pageant" reaches us from the London publishers, Henry & Co. It is a superb quarto, of which Mr. Gleeson White is the literary editor, the artistic side of the publication The former has gone for his text to writers who are emphatically of the modern school-M. Maeter-Selwyn Image, D. S. MacColl, Laurence Michael Field. The editor contributes himself a Moreau," and strikes an artistic note which is prearticles are so often admirable-as witness that Grosse-and, if it were not that the pictures of art, and altogether the thing is so attractive

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BUSINESS IN THE FIELD.

A prominent real estate broker remarked the other day: "The real estate market is without goubt in a healthy condition, and the worst that can be said of it is that for the last few months it has been comparatively in a state of inactivity, which is soon to be broken." Signs that this inactivity is soon to be thoroughly overcome have pultiplied with nearly every day of the new year. Hardly a day has passed since January 1 in which some transaction of importance has not been recorded, and the record for the last week has been a remarkably good one. The sales at private con-tract for the week ending January 2 amounted to \$2.050,000, as compared with \$1,400,000 in the corresponding week of 1896. The auction sales for the same week amounted to \$2.581,312, as compared with \$355,728 in the corresponding week of 1896. Of course the large increase in private sales for the period period of last year is accounted for in part by able property running through from Broadway to New-st., as reported in The Tribune last week. The

month ago. Then the brokers were waiting for the new year to bring in the business. Now their the downtown offices are kept busy all day con lease or effect deals in connection with desirable yet, but this is not to be expected. Real estate i the effect of hard times or of returning prosperity and consequently the last to change its valuations. This being the case, people having capital to invest in realty invariably take ample time to con sider well what additional security such an invest

The offices of the leading real estate brokers pre

sent a decidedly different aspect now from that of

by the statements of the banks last week, in which lying idle in the banks, only awaiting investment in some form of security, of which real estate has

from every point of view.

In connection with the increased activity advance in this form of realty in Kingsbridge and sening streets, putting in sewers, grading, buildtion of One-hundred-and-sixty-first-st, and Amster dam-ave, across the Boulevard at One-hundred and-sixty-first-st, and north on the Kingsbridge Read to Kingsbridge at Two-bundred-and-twenty-first-st, where it contemplates joining the surface road already running to Yonkers. The new road is to be an overhead trolley line, with an arc light at the end of each trolley pole. Gangs of men are now at work on the roadled, which is to be of heavy concrete. Isane Hopper has the contract for the construction of the new power house at Two-hundred-and-eighteenth and Two-hundred-and-eighteenth and Two-hundred-while is to operate the line.

The construction of this road opens up a new and most promising field for road state.

which is to oscrate the line. The construction of its record exists designed with that section, and many brokers are already taking advantage of the opportunities offered there. J. Remains Brown has purchased about saxty city the Kingsbridge Road, and has already sold a number of them at hardsome increases over the prices paid.

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